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Carnforth.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER

OF

HEALTH

FOR THE

Year ended 31st December
1945.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 14 (3) of the Sanitary Officers Order, 1926, I beg to present to you my ANNUAL REPORT, for 1945, as Medical Officer of Health for the Urban District.

This is an Ordinary Report, and is on the lines indicated in Circular 28/46 of the Ministry of Health, dated 11/2/46.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES A. TOMB,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H

1946.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

MEDICAL :

JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health

OTHERS :

FRED HOLT, A.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., Sanitary Inspector
(part time).

*(Information relating to the Area and the circumstances
of the year).*

General Statistics

Area	1,504 Acres
Population (Census 1931), 3,193.	1945 ... 3,092
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1942 according to Rate	
Book	944
Rateable Value	£16,375
Sum Represented by a Penny Rate	£65

SOCIAL CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THE CHIEF OCCUPATIONS OF THE INHABITANTS.

The social conditions are very satisfactory. The inhabitants are
Railway and Rural workers.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

		Total	M	F	
Live Births	{ Legitimate	53	25	28	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 17.6
	{ Illegitimate	3	1	2	
	{ Total ...	56	26	30	

Still Births — Rate per 1,000.
(live & still) Births ... 17.6

Deaths 44 18 26 Death Rate per 1,000 of
the estimated resident
population ... 13.8

Deaths from Puerperal causes—

	Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 Total (live & still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis... ..	—	—
Other Puerperal Causes...	—	—
Total	—	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age (total 3) —

All Infants per 1,000 Live Births 53.

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate Live
Births 37.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate Live
Births 338

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 8

„ „ Measles „ —

„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) —

„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) —

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1945.

Age Periods.	New Cases				Deaths (The number of deaths classified should agree with the total supplied by the Registrar General)			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
1-5		1						
5-10								
10-15								
15-20								
20-25								
25-35								
35-45	1		1			1		
45-55	2		1		1			
Totals	3	1	2		1	1		
	4		2		2			

Causes of Death.

	Male		Female	
Cancer	...	5	...	3
Diabetes	...		...	
Digestive Diseases	...		...	1
Heart Disease	...	2	...	5
Other Diseases of Circ System	...	1	...	
Influenza	...	1	...	
Bronchitis	...	1	...	1
Pneumonia	...		...	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	1	...	
Ac. Inf. Enceph.	...		...	
Ac: & Chr - Nephritis	...	1	...	1
Premature Birth	...		...	1
Malformations, Birth				
Injuries, & Infantile Diseases	...		...	2
Violent Causes	...	3	...	
Intra-cannial Vascular Lesions	...	1	...	4
All other causes	...	1	...	4
Total...	17		Total...	24

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1945.

		TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.														HOSPITAL.	
DISEASE.		Total Cases All Ages	Under 1	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 & over	Total Deaths	Total Cases Removed to Hospital from the District.	Deaths in Hospital of persons belonging to District.
Scarlet Fever ...		6	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	
Diphtheria.(including Membranous Croup)			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Measles		16	2	1	2	1	3	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Erysipelas			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Whooping Cough ...		2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Tonsillitis notified as Diphtheria ..		2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	
Total...		26	2	1	3	3	3	8	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	8	

Disinfectants have been supplied in all cases.

12 houses have been fumigated.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Free Immunisation Sessions are held periodically for children up to 15 years, at the Lancashire County Council School Clinic.

No. of Children immunised during 1945 :

1. Pre School Children ... 35
2. School Children ... 9

No. of Children completely immunised to date :

1. Pre School ... 112
2. School ... 364

Prophylactic used ... A. P. T.

Supplied by the Bacteriological Laboratory, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool.
Administered in two doses at monthly intervals.

The following table shows the position in regard to the number of children immunised against Diphtheria since the beginning of the year 1941.

Pers. ns inoculated each year from 1941—45.

Age in years on 31st Dec. of the corresponding year	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	Total inoculated under 5 years on 31/12/45
						112
Under 1	2	1	4	1	4	
1	16	12	19	23	19	
2	21	8	5	6	6	
3	22	6	2	4	1	
4	34	3	4	3	5	
5	27	3	6	—	3	Total inoculated aged 5—14 years on 31/12/45
6	36	2	—	—	2	
7	35	4	—	1	1	
8	42	1	—	—	1	
9	33	5	—	—	1	364
10	34	1	—	—	—	
11	33	3	—	—	1	
12	39	1	—	3	—	
13	38	—	—	—	—	
14	4	—	—	—	—	
15	—	—	—	—	—	Total Inoculated aged 15 years and over on 31/12/45
Total each year ...	416	50	40	41	44	115
						Grand Total— 591

Scabies.

The position as regards Scabies infestation has continued to improve during the year.

Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority.

Carnforth is one of the constituent authorities to the Lancaster and District Joint Hospital Board for Infectious Diseases.

Ambulance Facilities.

(a) FOR INFECTIOUS CASES.

Infectious Cases are removed to the Lancaster & District Joint Hospital in Motor Ambulance belonging to the said Hospital.

(b) FOR NON-INFECTIOUS & ACCIDENT CASES.

These cases are dealt with by the Police Ambulance owned by the Lancaster Corporation.

Summary (for reference) of Nursing Institutions available for the District.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

There are no Private Nursing Homes in the District from which Nurses can be obtained, the nearest being at Ulverston.

There is available a District Nurse, supplied by the Carnforth Nursing Association, a Voluntary Association, affiliated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nursing. The District Nurse carries out the duties of District Midwife.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ILLEGITIMATE INFANTS & HOMELESS CHILDREN.

There is no special provision for these in the District.

The Lancashire County Council have provided a School Clinic and Child Welfare Centre at 21, Market Street, Carnforth.

Sewers & Sewage.

The Sewage from the main part of the District is disposed of by running into a settling tank, the liquid running into the river Keer which is a tidal stream. The sludge is used for agricultural purposes. Periodical flushing of all sewers is regularly carried out by means of emptying a ton of water from the water-cart through a twelve-inch valve down the manholes.

The whole of the built up area in the Crag Bank District is now sewered. The sewerage is dealt with by means of disposal plants consisting of screening chambers, settling tanks and filter beds.

The present state of the Closet accommodation in the district is as follows :

Privy Middens, No. of Middens	...	...	30
No. of Closets attached to these Middens	...	...	30
No. of Pail Closets	...	...	Nil
No. of Fresh Water Closets	...	...	830
No. of Waste Water Closets	..	...	46
No. of Dry Ashpits (excluding Middens)	...	...	1
No. of Moveable Ashbins for Refuse	...	...	913

Conversions during the year 1943 :

No. of Privy Closets to Fresh Water W.C.'s	...	Nil
No. of Privies, situate within the Council's present Sewage System	...	Nil
No. of Houses at which Moveable Ashbins have been substituted for fixed receptacles	Nil	

The Council have decided to abolish all privy middens within the Council's present sewage scheme.

Scavenging.

The collection of House Refuse is carried out by the Council's own staff for the greater portion of the district, the outlying farmers, etc., dealing with their own refuse.

The Refuse is disposed of on the Tipping ground purchased for that purpose.

The number of receptacles emptied are :

						Dwelling Houses
Bins	...	...	...	...	...	913
Ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	31
Total						944

						Churches, Schools, Post Office, etc.
Bins	...	...	...	...	..	38
Ashpits	..	...	...	...	..	0
Total						38

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of Premises Visited, 325.

Defects or Nuisances, number discovered, 74; number abated 73.

Number of Notices served (informal), 74.

Statutory, Nil

Legal proceedings, Nil.

Eradication of bed bugs.

No houses were found to be infested

Factories & Workshops.

The different Factories & Workshops have been regularly inspected, and all are kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition, and answer the requirements of the Act.

BAKEHOUSES.

There are 4 Bakehouses in the District, all are partly above ground, are properly ventilated and well kept.

The Workshops & Factories are as follow :

Bakers & Confectioners	4
Boot & Shoe Repairers	4
Blacksmiths	1
Coach Builders	2
Dressmakers, etc.	5
Gas Works	1
Printers	1
Saw-mill & Joinery works	3
Total...	21

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There are 3 Slaughterhouses in the District, one being of modern construction, the remaining 2 being corrugated iron and wooden structures. Slaughtering for this district, for Meat Marketing Board, is carried out at Lancaster.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

The Dairies and Cowsheds have been inspected, and periodical lime-washing carried out.

LODGINGHOUSES.

There is no common lodginghouse in the district.

SCHOOLS.

The Sanitary condition and Water Supply of the Public Elementary Schools are good.

4.—Housing.

(a) STATISTICS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR :

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b)...	Nil
(i) By the local authority	Nil
(ii) By other local authorities... ..	Nil
(iii) By other bodies or persons .. .	Nil
(b) WITH STATE ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS :	
(i) By the local authority (included under (a) (i) above) .. .	Nil
(ii) By other bodies or persons (included under (a) (iii) above .. .	Nil

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-Houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	74
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	325
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932. .. .	66
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..	280
(3) Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. .	Nil
(4) Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	Nil

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR

WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers .. .	66
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :—

(a) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 9, 10 & 16 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs .. .	Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—	Nil

Housing—continued.

(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...				Nil
(b) PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS :					
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...			8
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :					
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	8
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...				Nil
(c) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTIONS 11 & 13 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :					
(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...		Nil
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	..	Nil
(d) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1936 :					
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...				Nil
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...				Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1936.—PART IV.—OVERCROWDING :—

(a) (i)	Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	...			Nil
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	..		Nil
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	..	..	...	Nil
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...			Nil

No survey of overcrowding has been made since 1937. Apart from increase in population, due to reception of evacuees, the position as regards overcrowding is not worse than at the last survey, but will be worse on the return, after demobilisation, of those now on War Service.

Housing Conditions.

1 GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AS TO HOUSING CONDITIONS :

459 Cottage type and 286 Parlour type built in rows mostly about the year 1880, good standard for that period and generally sound

161 Detached and Semi-detached, modern good standard and generally sound.

There are no serious defects in any of the properties which would demand service of demolition notice.

There are no back-to-back houses.

During the year the Council received the Ministry's approval for the erection of 78 new Houses

2 FITNESS OF HOUSES.

There is no insanitary property in the area.

3 UNHEALTHY AREAS.

No part of the area is scheduled as unhealthy.

4 BYELAWS.

The existing byelaws appear to be adequate and no difficulty has presented itself.

5 The housing administration appears to be generally satisfactory.

Nuisances.

Defective Ashpits	...	...	...	63
Defective Drains and Sinks	...	...	...	1
Dirty Premises	...	...	...	2
General Defects	...	...	...	4
Defective Roofs and Walls	...	...	...	3
Defective Cesspools	...	...	...	1

Total... 74

325 visits have been paid inspecting nuisances and work in progress.

Water Supply.

The water is obtained from the Carnforth Water Company's Reservoir, situate at Whithets, capacity 70,000,000 gallons. The supply is constant.

The nature of the gathering ground is partly of a peaty and partly of a sandstone nature and therefore is good for domestic purposes.

Owing to the position of the gathering ground the water is liable to animal pollution.

The Water Company have provided an effective and modern chlorination and filtration plant.

Samples for bacteriological analyses are taken regularly. The Reports have been consistently good.

The outlying farms and cottages are dependant upon springs and wells.

No. of houses using Water Company's piped			
supply direct to houses	...	...	888
No. of houses using Rain and Well water	...		18

(Signed), JAMES A. TOMB, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

